

Sail Measurement Sticker FAQ

The IRC Rules for 2024 have added a requirement for all sails certified for a boat with an ENDORSED IRC certificate to include the measured dimensions including the sail area for headsails, flying headsails and spinnakers.


To assist measurers and sailmakers a template design has been produced. IHC sail lofts and IRC approved measurers can print their own stickers using the design which is available to download here:

<https://ircrating.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/STICKER-IRC-blank.pdf>

Alternatively, IHC sail lofts or IRC approved measurers may be able to purchase blank stickers from their MNA or IRC Rule Authority.

IRC Rule Extract

21.4 *All sails, certified after 2023 and used onboard a boat with an ENDORSED IRC Certificate, shall have a measurement sticker or stamp which includes the required IRC dimensions and sail area if applicable. The stamp shall be placed at the **head** of the **sail**, except for sails where the **head** may not easily be inspected (e.g. furling sails) in which case, the stamp may be placed at the **clew**. The measurement shall be carried out by a sail measurer approved for IRC measurement by their Rule Authority, MNA or an **In-House Official measurer** and shall date and sign the stamp with the identification mark issued to that measurer. This rule may be amended by Notice of Race or a Rule Authority.*

	Measurer:	MNA / IHC Loft:
	dd / mm / yy	Signature:

Frequently asked questions:

Is it correct that EVERY sail certified after 2023 must have a sticker or stamp, not just the largest sails?

Yes. The primary requirement is “used onboard a boat”, so any sail used onboard a boat with an endorsed certificate, and built, recut or remeasured after 2023 shall have a sail measurement stamp/sticker.



Is it a requirement to use the sticker design shown above with the IRC Logo?

No – The requirement is that the information listed in IRC Rule 21.4 is displayed on the sail, a sticker / stamp design specific to a sail loft / brand or a sticker from another rating system or UMS will comply with the rule requirement, providing it contains all the required IRC dimensions and IRC sail area if applicable.

Do I still need to apply the IHC or MNA Measurer's Label?

Yes – The mark of the authority that permits the certification of the sail should still be applied in the location designated for that label. If the certification mark is in a different position on the sail to the sail measurement sticker, it is recommended to add the certification mark number to the sail measurement sticker for clarity.

Does the sail area need to be shown on the label?

Yes – The sail area for headsails, flying headsails & spinnakers should be calculated and recorded on the sticker. (There is no area calculation for mainsails in the IRC Rule). To assist the calculation the following online form is available. It is important to ensure that the formulae used are correct for the IRC Rule, other rating systems may have different formulae.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/RORCRatingOffice/IRCSailCheckAndAreaCalculation>

Does the label need to be the full size as shown?

No – If all of the boxes on the sticker are not required for the sail measurements and area to be recorded the label may be trimmed to reduce the size.

Does the sticker/stamp need to be signed?

Yes - the measurer name or identifier, MNA / IHC Loft name, date of measurement and measurer's signature should be on the label.

We have no stickers or stamps, can we write the data on the sail instead?

The data should be written on a sticker or stamp wherever possible. However, in necessary circumstances the data may be written clearly and legibly in a contrasting colour on the sail and dated/signed by the measurer.